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TO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE

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AMCONSUL KARACHI PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: TECH SUPPORT FOR BEIRUT

DAMASCUS FOR RSO, PASS TO CPOIC SEABEE TEAM, BEIRUT FOR RSO,
ATHENS FOR TSO, KARACHI FOR RSS

REF: (A) BEIRUT 5881 (NOTAL) (B) BEIRUT 5763 (NOTAL)
(C) BEIRUT 5873 (NOTAL) (D) BEIRUT 5880 (NOTAL)

1. CHARTER FLIGHT CARRYING TWO FULLY ARMORED VEHICLES, ONE
TSO, TWO NSU MECHANIC SEABEES AND ONE PRS OFFICER, AND
ASSORTED SUPPLIES AS REQUESTED IN REFTELS SCHEDULED TO DE-
PART WASHINGTON ON JULY 7 FOR DAMASCUS.

2. AIRCRAFT DEPARTURE TIME AND ARRIVAL DAMASCUS UNKNOWN AT
THIS TIME. FLIGHT CLEARANCE BEING REQUESTED SEPTTEL.

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3. DETAILED CARGO MANIFEST, NECESSARY BIOGRAPHIC DATA FOR AIRPORT VISAS FOR PASSENGERS AND ETA WILL BE PROVIDED IN SEPTTEL.

4. IF POSSIBLE, ATHENS SEABEE MECHANICS SHOULD REMAIN IN DAMASCUS FOR ARRIVAL OF WASHINGTON TEAM. BASED ON BEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION, DECISION SHOULD BE MADE AS TO HOW MANY OF FOUR MECHANIC SEABEES SHOULD TRAVEL TO BEIRUT. PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT DEPARTURE FROM BEIRUT COULD BE DELAYED AND WILL PROBABLY DEPEND ON CONVOYS. IF ALL FOUR SEABEES NOT ABSOLUTELY NEEDED IN BEIRUT, SUGGEST THAT ONE OR BOTH ATHENS SEABEES RETURN TO ATHENS TO ASSUME MAINTENANCE PROGRAM FOR OTHER FULLY ARMORED CARS THAT AREA.

5. FOR BEIRUT AND DAMASCUS: REQUEST A/SY BE INFORMED OF ADDITIONAL VEHICLE SUPPORT ITEMS THAT CAN BE INCLUDED ON AIRLIFT FLIGHT. REPLY BY IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM. ROBINSON

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